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In re Application of:)
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Kazutaka AKIYAMA) Group Art Unit: 2826
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Application No.: 10/807,274) Examiner: Leonardo ANDUJAR
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Filed: March 24, 2004)
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND) Confirmation No.: 3986
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)
MANUFACTURING METHOD)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents.

1. The Notification of the First Office Action from the Patent Office of the People's Republic of China was mailed December 9, 2005, in a counterpart foreign application. An English language translation of this document is also enclosed.

2. The relevance of JP 06-097165 is discussed in the above-referenced Chinese Office Action. An English language abstract of this document is also enclosed.

Applicant points out that the Chinese Office Action also cites and discusses JP 2000-277465, which Applicant previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 24, 2004. Applicant has therefore not listed JP 2000-277465 on the attached listing.

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This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicant determines that the cited document does not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

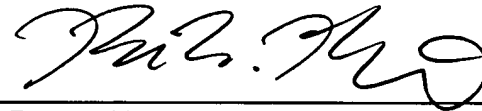
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Respectfully submitted,

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		Notification of the First Office Action from the Patent Office of the People's Republic of China, mailed December 9, 2005.	YES

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